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## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) Arizona – Yuma Now Second Busiest Smuggling Route As Number of Minors, Migrant Families Rise**

(U) San Luis Rio Colorado – The number of migrant apprehensions in the area so far has already exceeded last year's totals. According to data from US Customs and Border Protection, if current trends hold, it could reach the highest level in a decade. Migrant apprehensions along the Yuma Sector — which stretches 126 miles from the Yuma County line to California's Imperial Sand Dunes — have been on a steady rise since they bottomed out in April 2017. The main drivers in this surge in apprehensions are unaccompanied minors and families. They hail mostly from Central American countries and are fleeing violence and poverty. Because of the shift, the Yuma area is now the second busiest smuggling route along the entire US-Mexico border for the minors and families.

SOURCE: 4 May 2018, [AZ Central](#)

#### **(U) NATIONAL**

##### **(U) Illinois – ATF Agent Shot in Chicago and Critically Wounded in Undercover Operation**

(U) Chicago – A federal agent was shot and critically wounded in Chicago during an undercover operation on the city's South Side on early this morning, authorities have said. Members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and officers in the Chicago Police Department were working together when one of the ATF agents was shot. The shooting occurred in a neighborhood known as Back of the Yards, an area southwest of downtown where federal and local officers had been teaming up to cut down on gang shootings. The agent was taken to a hospital with critical injuries, officials said

SOURCE: 4 May 2018, [The New York Times](#)

#### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

##### **(U) Afghanistan – US Forces Kill Five ISIS Members in Nangarhar Province**

(U) Kabul – At least five militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) terrorist group were killed during US airstrikes in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The local officials are saying that the militants were killed during the airstrikes conducted over the past 24 hours in this province. The officials further add that some heavy and light weapons belonging to the terror group have also been destroyed during the airstrikes.

SOURCE: 4 May 2018, [The Khaama Press News Agency](#)

##### **(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Fighters Seize District in Northern Afghanistan**

(U) Kabul – Taliban fighters seized a district in Afghanistan's remote northern province of Badakhshan after several days of fierce fighting, officials said today, as the insurgents pushed forward their annual spring offensive launched last month. Fighting across Afghanistan has picked up in recent weeks with the return of warmer weather, putting government forces under pressure in several areas, underlining the risk to parliamentary and district council elections due in October. Yesterday's loss of Kohistan, came after security forces failed to receive supplies or reinforcements and pulled out of district police

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headquarters, provincial police spokesman Sanaullah Rohani said. A number of security posts in Teshkan district, to the south of Fayzabad, were also abandoned to the insurgents, who were stepping up pressure in the area, he said.

SOURCE: 4 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Mali – 17 Killed by ISIS Linked Extremists in Northeastern Mali**

(U) Bamako – A Tuareg leader says extremists linked to the ISIS in Mali have killed at least 17 people in two communities in the West African nation's Menaka region. Moussa Ag Acharatoumane, secretary-general for the Tuareg self-defense group, says the attacks by ISIS in the Greater Sahara occurred in Tindinbawen and Taylalene. Violence has been increasing in the region between the Fulani communities, some of whom are suspected of links with the extremist group, and Tuaregs allied with French soldiers fighting extremism in the Sahel.

SOURCE: 3 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Somalia – Gunmen Kidnap German Nurse from ICRC in Somali Capital**

(U) Mogadishu – Unidentified gunmen kidnapped Sonja Nientiet, a German nurse, from the International Committee of the Red Cross in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, on the evening of 2 May said the ICRC. Abductions and killings of Somali aid workers are common in Somalia but targeting foreign workers has become less frequent in recent years as security has improved. "We got the report minutes after she was abducted and now we are searching the whole area.

SOURCE: 3 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

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